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CHIEF OF ORDNANCE.

Young Man Now in Charge of Important Department.

A Few Weeks Ago William Crozier Was a Plain Captain, Now He Holds the Rank of Brigadier General in the Army.

The president recently appointed Capt. William Crozier, of the ordnance department to be chief of the bureau of ordnance of the army with the rank of brigadier general, to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Gen. A. R. Buffington, on account of age.

The appointment of Gen. Crozier was made largely upon the recommendation of Secretary Root, who has become very favorably impressed with Gen. Crozier's ability, and who desires to surround himself with active men of high professional ability in the conduct of the military establishment. Gen. Crozier has demonstrated his ability in nearly every department of ordnance, and has shown a wide knowledge of all affairs pertaining to his profession. He was the military member for the United States delegation at The Hague peace conference, and assisted in bringing about the agreement finally reached for more humane conduct of war.

Gen. Crozier is a native of Ohio, but was appointed to the military academy from Kansas in 1872. When he graduated in 1876 he entered the artillery, and was transferred to the ordnance in 1881. He became a captain in 1890, after 14 years' service. During the Spanish war he served as a major and inspector general of volunteers. During his career as ordnance officer he has given the strictest attention to guns and gun carriages, and was a joint inventor, with Gen. Buffington, who retired the other day, of the Buffington-Crozier disappearing gun carriage.

The following is an official statement of his military record:

He joined his regiment October 20, 1876, and served therewith at Fort Robinson, Neb., to November, 1876; in the field with the Powder river expedition to December 29, 1876; at Point San Jose, Cal., to February 21, 1877; at Yerba Buena Island, Cal., to April 3, 1877; at Point San Jose, Cal., (on field service from June 25 to October 2, 1878), to July 21, 1879; assistant professor of mathematics at the United States Military academy from August 28, 1879, to August 28, 1881; on duty at Watertown Arsenal, Mass., to November 1, 1886; on sick leave of absence to November 1, 1887; on duty in the office of the chief of ordnance at Washington, D. C. (on special ordnance service in Europe from November 24, 1888, to December 4, 1889, and on sick leave from May to November, 1891), to February 14, 1892; member of the ordnance board at New York city (commanding Sandy Hook proving ground, N. J., from July 22 to August 23, 1892) and on inspection duty to December 16, 1890; on duty in the office of the chief of ordnance at Washington, D. C., and on inspection duty to April 17, 1899; member of the peace commission at The Hague, Holland, to September 28, 1899, when he rejoined Washington, D. C., and was on duty at the office of the chief of ordnance until November 16, 1899; en route to and on duty in the division of the Philippines to July 14, 1900; chief ordnance officer of the China relief expedition to August 31, 1900; on duty at Washington, D. C., in connection therewith to January 18, 1901; member of the ordnance board with station at New York Arsenal, N. Y., to present date.

Some difference of opinion exists among army officers as to whether Gen. Crozier's appointment is permanent or whether it is a detail of four years under the army reorganization law. The opinion of several gentlemen versed in military law is that the appointment is permanent and that the detail of four years provided for in the reorganization law applies only to the line officers detailed as chiefs of bureaus. Gen. Crozier will not retire until 1919, and the contention is sustained that his appointment is permanent. His term as chief of ordnance will be nearly six years, and will preclude the possibility of any of the officers that rank him securing that grade.

Uncle Sam Is Liberal.
A cadet in the United States navy is paid as highly as a lieutenant in the British navy.

Mortality from Cancer.
In England the mortality rate from cancer has risen from 3.8 per 10,000 in 1864 to 8.4 in 1900.

Progress in the Holy Land.
The advance of civilization is noted in the Holy Land, where American beer has become a popular beverage. Jerusalem now has electric lights, telephones and phonographs; and trolley lines are talked of to connect that celebrated city with Bethany, Bethlehem, the Lake of Galilee, and other places famous in Bible history.

SENATOR W. E. MASON

Of Illinois, Who, Is a Candidate for Re-election to the U. S. Senate, and a prominent figure in That Body.

Senator W. E. Mason of Illinois is one of the most prominent men in the upper chamber. He is pointed out to many strangers in the Senate as "any other man in that body." He is known as every body's friend, and it matters not how humble you may be, Senator Mason will find time to see you, and if you happen to be from Illinois it is much better. He will cut short a speech to see you, if you are from his state. It is the remark of every one that is fortunate to meet him to say that he is of the plain people. He is rightly called the Commoner from the West. The state of Illinois has been blessed in the last sixteen years to have at the National Capital two such able men as Senator Mason and Senator Cullom to represent her in the highest legislative body in the world. From the time that Senator Mason entered that body to the present, he has taken an advanced position upon all the important measures that have come before that body, a protectionist of the old school, he has thrown himself in the great arena of the fight for what he deemed for the best interest of the country. A matchless debater, and one that few men in the Senate care to cross swords with. Sound upon all the measures pending before that body that seem best for the country. President Roosevelt has not a warmer or more sincere friend in the Senate than Senator Mason. His friends are not confined to any particular race, but it includes all the people that make up the great state of Illinois. The labor element will not find a truer friend in the Senate, in the next generation than Senator Mason. A great advocate of obitration, makes him a much sought man among the leaders of the labor element and they can always depend upon him for what ever assistance and advice he can render. You always know where to find him, he is a man that does not carry water on both shoulders at the same time, and pretend that he will not spill any from either pail. It is an every day occurrence to see Senator Mason guiding a crowd of friends around the city showing them the many sights of interest that is to be seen in this city, the capitol city. Like the great Lincoln, he is a friend of the black man and is willing to do anything that will advance the moral and material interest of the race. It is hoped that Senator Mason will be returned to the U. S. Senate, where the great state of Illinois and the people generally can have the assistance of his legislative experience, gained only by hard and faithful service in the interest of a people that he has labored so hard to please. It is believed that when his stewardship is rendered and his many virtues and deeds are weighed in the balances the people of the state of Illinois will say like Lincoln it is bad policy to swap horses while crossing the stream. It is a pleasure to the United States Senate despite the edicts of the political bosses.

IT OFTEN HAPPENS.

That men figure as masters who are fit only to be followers.
That women fancy they are pretty through men's flattery.
That men become supersensitive because of too much petting.
That men are given choice positions just to prove their incapacity.
That women willfully misconstrue statements to suit selfish ends.
That women take on consequential airs through men's polite greetings.
That a woman's disposition is made odious through a man's want of tact.
That men say things they know will be combated so as to appear original.
That men forget how small a part they play in the world's management.
That women's schemes are made futile by men's stupidity.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Washington's Shingle Industry.
Washington is called the shingle state. It has 444 lumber mills, sawing over 9,000,000 feet per day, turning out 20,000,000 shingles, and employing 24,000 men.

EVIDENCE FOR US FROM THE ENEMY.

Organ of the Labor Party.

From the Weekly People, New York.

The lynching and burning of a negro named Alexander, which occurred in Leavenworth, Kansas, one year ago, was one of the most horribly atrocious inhuman, ghastly acts that ever stamped man as being not so very far removed from the brute after all. There were hundreds of persons present at the burning. They were "respectable" citizens, "substantial" citizens, men who were "gentlemen" in every sense of the word. "These gentlemen" fired the negro to a stake, poured oil over him, and then set him on fire.

Respectability stood by while the frenzied negro shrieked and prayed. Respectability stood by until the stench and the smoke of charring human flesh had subsided, and then respectability indulged in a wolfish wrangle for the possession of the unburned portion of the victim's body. Toes and fingers, bones and shreds of crisp flesh were eagerly snatched at, and many of those who obtained a rag of the murdered negro's anatomy

sold it for a high price to some other "respectable" person who had not been so fortunate.

The negro Alexander had been convicted of rape, and the excuse of many persons concerned with his murder was that they had lost their reason owing to their anger and resentment against the man. "This is but an excuse, and yet, having been given, it is sufficient to show the gross barbarity and the unrestrained passions that actuated these persons.

That the deed was not deplored is shown by the following item taken from the Leavenworth "Chronicle" of January 16:

"To-day is the anniversary of the burning of Alexander the negro rapist, who for a year or more held Leavenworth in a state of terror.

"At the time the Chronicle-Tribune upheld the people of Leavenworth for their act, and on this, the anniversary of the event, it seems appropriate to observe that time has demonstrated the justice and wisdom of the whole proceeding.

"The result has been wholesome and beneficial. Not a single crime for which Alexander was put to death has occurred in Leavenworth during the entire year. Our women no longer fear to venture forth in the evenings,

with the recently published words said to have been spoken by the President. The Lily Whites are of the belief that they hold the winning hand, in spite of statements made to the contrary, but they are not resting on this belief. On the contrary, they are backing up their position in every way they can. Representations are being made to Washington that the appointment of a negro to the naval office will be a serious set-back to their effort to organize a respectable Republican party in the South by securing the active participation of those who espouse Republican principles but who are kept out of the primaries and conventions through fear of negro domination of the party machinery. The contention of the Lily Whites is that if the assistance of the President be given them they can overcome the numerical superiority of the negro in a few years. This view, so it is said in the hotel lobbies, is being strenuously maintained. It is asserted that many influential Northern Republicans are lending the aid of their eloquence in trying to induce the President to see things the same way. With that success, if any, the effort is meeting cannot be ascertained, for the reason that the Lily Whites have suddenly become very close-mouthed in discussion.



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and the state of terror once experienced in Leavenworth is now only a memory of the past."

That is a deliberate statement that the "Chronicle" favors violence, that it is ready to defend those who violate the laws of the State and country, that it stands for murder in its most horrible and savage form, and that all the while it continues its pretense of good citizenship and humanity. Its assertion that rape has not existed may be true, but it is also a fact that for years before that single outbreak it did not exist, Alexander was the sole exponent.

But this single item, much as it shows is not the only evidence of the fact that the "Chronicle" is the organ of beings who mentally crawl on all fours. In the same issue it says:

"A man who was paroled from the penitentiary committed suicide the other day, and yet some people doubt if the parole system is productive of any good. The man would never have found the opportunity to kill himself in the penitentiary."

There is here evidence of a thirst for blood, and an evidence that the persons who read the paper also have the same depraved taste. The "Chronicle" condones burning at the stake, and it also justifies lightly over the unfortunate victim who took his own life. It even goes farther, and insinuates that prisoners be given an opportunity to kill themselves.

It is not very often that such a raw witness as the "Chronicle" comes on the stand. Ordinary murderous instincts are hidden by a cunning display of rhetoric, or by a little juggling back ward and forward of words. The papers which applaud the shooting down of strikers, which assist in the starving of workmen and women, and which always have ready an excuse for capitalistic barbarities are in the same class as this particular paper. They show that capitalism and its exponents are ever ready to throw aside all laws and that the only thing which the capitalist at all regards is the carrying out of his own evil and cowardly designs.

FIGHT FOR NAVAL OFFICE.

Both Factions of the Republican Party Claiming the Victory.

From the Times Democrat.

Though apparently there is nothing doing on the part of the Republican factions, the fierce fight for control of presidential patronage is still going on with unabated energy.

The Lily Whites are making a herculean effort to land Col. Wood in the naval office. Second-hand declarations that the President has announced his determination to appoint a negro to the vacancy are met by the Lily Whites with the counter assertion that they have positive assurances from the President which do not at all agree

OPPOSED TO "JIM CROW" CARS.

Presbyterian Ministers in Baltimore Go on Record Against Bill.

Special to The Washington Post

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 3.—At the regular meeting of the Presbyterian ministers this morning the question of the "Jim Crow" bill was brought up. Rev. Dr. Williams was in favor of keeping silent on the question, but Rev. Dr. Edward F. Eggleston said that he was reared in the South, and knew that in all cases where there is a "Jim Crow" car law in force the colored people are very deficient in accommodations.

He suggested that as colored ministers were admitted to the Presbyterian, about all the ministers could do would be to record their opposition to the bill which is at present before the legislature at Annapolis. The question was put to a vote and a resolution was adopted expressing the hope that the bill will be defeated.

NEGROES DECAPITATED.

The Good Work Continues. Democrats Succeeded Dancy and Notes: Bribing the South.

The decapitation of negro republicans south continues. Postmaster Moten of Georgia has been removed and a white democrat appointed in his place. J. C. Dancy of North Carolina, the new Recorder of Deeds, and former Collector at Wilmington has been succeeded by a white democrat. The decapitation of Devaux, Rucker and others will take place soon. There is not to be a negro office holder left in the south. The negroes who were appointed by President McKinley are to be removed.

WHAT THE DOCTOR SAYS.

A London physician advises a quiet sea voyage as the best remedy for insomnia.

According to Dr. Sidney Jones 16,000 consumptives are moving about Australia annually.

An excellent remedy for chilblains is to cover them directly they begin to be felt with a coating of concentrated chloride of iron.

In view of the instinctive fondness of little girls for kissing their dolls, the Lancet thinks more attention should be paid to the source of the material used in making and stuffing them.

One authority says if troubled with gout avoid meat, sweets, pastry, wines, spices, hot rolls, bread of all sorts and everything belonging to the tribe of ferments. Eggs, game, fresh fruit, vegetables, especially salad, may be eaten with impunity.

SCIENCE GLEANINGS.

All moths produce some form of silk.

No less than 1,132 different species of seaweeds are found on Australian coasts.

The atmosphere, if compressed, would make a sea 35 feet deep around the globe.

A French naturalist, Rapael Dubois, asserts that all large pearls are nothing but sarcophagi, in the center of which rest the dead bodies of small marine worms.

One of the most curious plants in the world is the toothbrush plant, a species of creeper which grows in Jamaica. By cutting a piece of the stem and fraying the ends the natives make a toothbrush.

Many Happy Old Couples.

A Boston paper has found 818 couples in New England who were married over 50 years ago, and are ready to celebrate their diamond wedding, surrounded, in most cases, by many descendants.

Water That Petrifies Wood.

A stream with peculiar properties flows near Tucson, Ariz. Wood and vegetables and other soft substances thrown into it become petrified. It is customary for visitors to leave potatoes in it for a few weeks inclosed in wire receptacles, and then find them turned to stone.

WINTER TOURIST TICKETS.

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HAD LONG STRUGGLE

Miss Julia Marlowe Chat's About Her Career on the Stage.

Worked Hard and Faithfully for Years Before Obtaining Recognition—Won Her Way Surely, But Slowly.

Miss Julia Marlowe, in an interesting article in the Philharmonic magazine, relates the details of the long struggle which led to her recognition. After reading her story it is not difficult to understand why she writes: "I feel I could not go through it again."

Born in England, her parents came to this country when she was a little girl, and chose Kansas, not altogether fortunately for themselves, for their abode. But the need which was the chief reason for the commencement of the stage career of their daughter cannot now be viewed other than as a happy circumstance. Those were the days of the juvenile opera troupes, and of one of them the child became a member. Her pretty talent attracted the attention of the manageress of the company, and to that woman, whom Miss Marlowe does not name, she gives the credit for her after rigorous training.

The manageress adopted the girl, who then was 13 years old, and took her to New York to begin her actual stage education. For three years it lasted, with intermissions only of two weeks each summer and holidays on the Fourth of July, Christmas and New Year's day.

"My mornings," Miss Marlowe writes, "were devoted to reading aloud and to going over plays with my instructor. Whole dramas were acted out, my adopted aunt my only audience, holding the book and reading the other parts. In the majority of them I have never appeared, nor was it intended that I should. The aim was that I should build up an extensive repertory and familiarize myself with the conceptions of the world's great dramatists. Tables and chairs served to indicate the scenery and the positions of other players in the act. In the balcony scene of 'Romeo and Juliet' the back of the sofa was the balcony rail, and over it, with my eyes fixed tenderly upon a worn place in the carpet, I first delivered Juliet's good-night to her lover.

"After three or four hours in the morning came luncheon, a simple, hearty meal. Then the morning's routine was repeated throughout the afternoon.

"Such severe physical exercise as fencing and gymnastics were an important feature of my training. Standing six feet from the wall with a rapier in my hand I would lunge for a hundred times successively at a tiny wafer—perhaps a quarter of an inch in diameter—pasted to the wall. It came to be considered not extraordinary when I pierced the wafer 99 out of 100 times. "But the most essential of all was the cultivation of my voice. That part of my training was entirely musical, the purpose being to give me such an experience as every singer intended for the opera undergoes, to render my voice an instrument which could be played upon in all its parts and instantly made to respond to any emotion without any evidence of effort. To this day I take two vocal lessons a week, like any beginner. I never had any so-called elocutionary training."

The strife for recognition itself came after the three years of study were over. The 16-year-old girl was determined upon an independent career, and to every one of New York's chief managers she went resolutely asking not for a place in their company, but for their sponsorship. In telling the experience she gives no names, but it is not difficult to pick out the managers upon whom she called. Most of them still live. Their reception was alike in the particular that they refused to assist her. Two of them gave her advice on the manner of her readings—bad advice, she was sure—and two others offered her a position in their stock companies. One laughed at her pretensions, and him she hated. Not discouraged by defeat and more than ever resolved to accept the domination of no manager, she at last determined to give a special performance on her own account. In October, 1887, she and her instructor raised sufficient money to enable her to appear as Parthenia at an experimental matinee at the Bijou theater. The fruit of her daring was honest critical praise and the attention of persons interested in theatrical art and in theatrical business. From that time on she won her way, not rapidly, but surely. Work, she says in conclusion, has been the only magic in her achievements.

Death from Old Age.

Death from old age has increased in ten years from 44.9 per 100,000 to 54.

Reliable Trade Barometer.

The best barometer of trade and general prosperity is the boot business. When the working classes are busy, they buy new boots when the old ones are well worn; when employment is scarce, they wear their old ones as long as possible, many of them being forced to dance around on their uppers.